

## A Tweedsmuir History In Print

For some time back, **Birr** Women's Institute in Middlesex county had a Tweedsmuir history which was used so much as a reference book by teachers, local university students and others that it began to wear out. So the Institute decided to have the history extended to tell a very comprehensive story of the community and to have it published so that its information would be available to anyone interested.

The book entitled "Birr and Beyond" was compiled by Mrs. Jennie Raycraft Lewis, an Institute member and a writer of some experience. Mrs. Lewis unearthed and wrote a good deal of the history herself, several sons and daughters of the community made their contribution from research or from memory, and the well known historian of the London area, Mr. Wilfrid Jury, supplied the early Indian history of the locality.

The "Birr and Beyond" book carries many illustrations. Like most Tweedsmuir books it tells the stories of the families and farms and schools and churches, of cemeteries and toll-roads and the industries that have either persisted or disappeared through the years, and of course the story of the Birr Women's Institute. In paper covers the price is \$1.00; in hard covers \$2.00; obtainable from Mrs. Clarence Lewis, R.R. No. 2, Denfield, Ont.

## All In the Day's Work

A good way to get an idea of the tremendous amount of sound, basic Women's Institute work being done over the province, is to look at a report of a regular monthly meeting such as this one from **Honeydale**: A letter was read from the Muscular Dystrophy Association thanking the members for their interest and help; also a letter from the District Secretary asking cooperation in getting physiotherapy canes for patients at what the editor supposes is the county Home for the Aged. This was to be dealt with at the next meeting. It was reported that twelve members were making hooked rugs in the current local leader project. The women made plans for the Institute display, a "Baby Shower" at the coming fall fair. Progress reports were given by leaders of two 4-H Homemaking Clubs sponsored by the Institute, and it was announced that members would be working at the Cancer Dressing rooms the next Friday afternoon. The programme included a talk "The Years Teach Much That the Day Cannot Know," a reading, a contest and a singsong. The press report concluded with an invitation to all the women of the community to attend the next meeting at a stated time and place, with this final note: "Young mothers are cordially invited. Baby sitter will be provided."

## Raising Scholarship Funds

At the East Bruce District Annual last year it was decided to start a fund for a Women's Institute scholarship for a deserving student. A district board was set up to make plans and they suggested that if each Junior Institute in the district would contribute \$10 and each Senior Institute an amount equal to \$1.15 per member, this would bring in the required \$2000 to establish a



—Photo by Brantford Expositor.

Mrs. Cecil Smith of Langford Institute, exhibiting her lamp at Brant County Summary Day, said: "I took my saw and went for a walk in the fields. When I found just the piece of wood I liked on the old stump fence I brought it to the house and got busy with steel wool." This wood screwed to a piece of plywood with a tiny pot of ivy alongside made the base for her lamp. The shade is covered with burlap sacking. "You can find this in the barn and wash it up," Mrs. Smith explained.

scholarship before the fall of this year. The secretary of **Walkerton** Institute, Mrs. E. W. Kramp, reports: "In our branch we had a Valentine Tea and Bake Sale to raise our funds. Saturday, February 14, was a thoroughly bad day so far as weather was concerned but we more than raised our amount for the scholarship."

## A Sauerkraut Supper

For the past nine years **Bridgeport** Institute has raised most of its funds by catering for Waterloo Country Club's Sauerkraut Supper. In the past four years the supper has made a profit of over \$2500 for the Institute and most of this has been spent on community projects. To prepare this supper for between seven and eight hundred people means a tremendous amount of work. It is reported that last year fifty women were busy either at the club or at their homes. Thirty-five women were cooking 400 pounds of pork in their own ovens; others were peeling 500 pounds of potatoes; among them they made 250 Dutch apple pies. Applesauce was donated by the gallon and 20 cabbages, also donated, were made into cole slaw. Also on the menu were 115 pounds of wieners, 225 pounds of sauerkraut, 15 pounds of cheese, over 5 pounds of instant coffee and 25 loaves of bread.

## International Programmes

At **Forest's** International Night, the Institute entertained women now living in Forest who have recently come from Holland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Newfoundland and various parts of Canada and the United States. A local